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Lester Snow, CalFed Executive Director
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Dear Executive Director Snow:

I urge you to provide a fourth real, tangible, implementable "Smart Alternative" for CalFed which is based on conservation and restoration to provide ample and high quality water for California's wildlife, farmers, people, and businesses into the 21st century. The order of hierarchy is very important. The more water we provide for people the larger California will be populated and the more our natural resources will be stretched. There is no end to the population that will live in California if we do not limit the water that is available to people. They will keep having babies until every inch of California is solid people. We cannot continue indefinitely to ship water to southern California to satisfy the thirsty masses with their green lawns and swimming pools. Wildlife and our ecosystem must come first for without them we have no spirit, no future of survival. Just look at the starving people in many countries where there is a very low standard of living because there are so many people.

The "Smart Alternative" that I urge you to present would:

- ensure effective conservation programs and economic incentives to use our existing water allocations more efficiently.
- maximize water efficiency before even considering costly new dams, reservoirs and canals.
- restore and protect our watersheds and groundwater basins for high-quality, reliable water for people and wildlife.
- restore California's fish, birds, wetlands, river, delta and bays to healthy sustainable ecosystems.

Please enter these comments into the formal record for your Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and Statement.

Sincerely,



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